

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The amendment to independent claims 1, 6, and 11 adds to each of these claims the limitation of cancelled claims 4 and 9, which is deemed by the examiner to contain patentable subject matter. The amendment has been added directly to claims 1 and 6, which thus is a change to the scope from the original claims 4 and 9. However, in view of the examiner's suggestion in paragraph 4 of the Office Action relative to claim 11, it is believed that the examiner will consider claims 1 and 6 to be allowable in the form presented. It is not seen that the intermediate claim 2 relative to claim 4, and intermediate claim 7 relative to claim 9, are required for patentability.

In view of the above, it is believed that the claims are all in allowable form, and exhibit patentable distinction over the prior art raised by the examiner in the rejections.

In view of the above, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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